

Washington Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

2004 Tobacco Survey Results

Skagit County

What is your age?

n = 204

18 - 34	20.4%	(± 7.2%)
35 - 54	50.0	(± 8.0)
55 - 74	20.3	(± 5.4)
75+	9.3	(± 4.0)

Gender

n = 204

Male	47.6%	(± 8.1%)
Female	52.4	(± 8.1)

Which one of these groups would you say best represents your race...

n = 204

White	90.8%	(± 5.3%)
Black or African American	0.8	(± 1.3)
Asian	0.0	(± 0.0)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0	(± 0.0)
American Indian, Alaska Native	3.2	(± 3.8)
Other race	5.2	(± 3.8)
No preferred race	0.0	(± 0.0)

Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?

n = 203

Yes	9.3%	(± 5.5%)
No	90.7	(± 5.5)

Marital status

n = 204

Married	61.3%	(± 7.7%)
Divorced	10.6	(± 4.0)
Widowed	5.4	(± 2.5)
Separated	2.2	(± 2.2)
Never been married	16.4	(± 6.6)
Or a member of an unmarried couple	4.1	(± 3.6)

How many children less than 18 years of age live in your household?

n = 204

None	55.0%	(± 8.0%)
1	16.6	(± 6.5)
2	17.6	(± 6.3)
3 or more	10.9	(± 6.0)

What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

n = 204

Some high school or less	14.1%	(± 6.2%)
High school graduate or GED	29.0	(± 7.2)
Some college or technical school	24.2	(± 6.8)
College graduate or more	32.7	(± 7.3)

*Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Are you currently. . .	n = 204	
Employed for wages	48.6%	(± 8.0%)
Self-employed	12.3	(± 5.3)
Out of work	7.3	(± 4.7)
Homemaker	7.2	(± 3.6)
Student	1.5	(± 2.0)
Retired	20.0	(± 5.4)
Or unable to work	3.0	(± 2.0)

Annual household income from all sources	n = 172	
Less than \$20,000	14.3%	(± 5.3%)
\$20,000 to less than \$50,000	42.7	(± 8.7)
\$50,000 or more	43.0	(± 8.4)

Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?	n = 305	
Yes	42.1%	(± 6.4%)
No	57.9	(± 6.4)

Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their entire life:		
Do you now smoke cigarettes everyday, some days, or not at all?	n = 134	
Everyday	32.0%	(± 9.9%)
Some days	10.8	(± 6.7)
Not at all	57.2	(± 10.2)

Among current smokers:		
During the past 12 months, have you stopped smoking for 1 day or longer because you were trying to quit smoking?	n = 51	
Yes	51.2%	(± 17.0%)
No	48.8	(± 17.0)

Current cigarette smoking prevalence:	n = 305	
(every day or some day smokers among the whole population)	18.0%	(± 5.4%)

Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes:		
Did you smoke any cigarettes during the past 30 days?	n = 90	
Yes	47.8%	(± 12.5%)
No	52.2	(± 12.5)

Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:		
On how many days of the past 30 days did you smoke cigarettes?	n = 39	
Less than 30 days	*	*
30 days	*	*

Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:		
On average, about how many cigarettes per day do you smoke, on the days that you do smoke?	n = 39	
Average:	*	*

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Have you ever tried using smokeless tobacco, like chew, dip or snuff?			n = 201
Yes	23.0%	(± 7.6%)	
No	77.0	(± 7.6)	

Among those that have ever tried smokeless tobacco:

On how many of the past 30 days did you use smokeless tobacco products?			n = 32
None	*	*	
Less than 30 days	*	*	
30 days	*	*	

Current smokeless tobacco prevalence:			n = 201
(any use in past 30 days among the whole population)	5.3%	(± 4.0%)	

In the past month, have you smoked a cigar, even just a puff?			n = 201
Yes	5.5%	(± 4.2%)	
No	94.5	(± 4.2)	

Current tobacco use (all types of tobacco)			n = 201
Current daily tobacco user	28.0%	(± 7.6%)	
Current non-tobacco user	72.0	(± 7.6)	

Among former smokers:

About how long has it been since you last smoked cigarettes regularly, that is, daily?			n = 52
Within the past month (less than 1 month ago)	1.5%	(± 2.9%)	
Within the past 3 months (1-3 months ago)	4.4	(± 6.1)	
Within the past 6 months (3-6 months ago)	0.0	(± 0.0)	
Within the past year (6-12 months ago)	3.0	(± 5.8)	
Within the past 5 years (1-5 years ago)	12.0	(± 10.5)	
Within the past 15 years (5-15 years ago)	19.6	(± 13.8)	
More than 15 years ago	59.6	(± 15.7)	
Never used regularly	0.0	(± 0.0)	

Among former smokers:

When you last smoked cigarettes regularly, on average, how many days per month did you smoke?			n = 52
Average:	28.4	(± 1.7)	

Among former smokers:

When you last smoked cigarettes regularly, on average, how many cigarettes did you smoke per day?			n = 52
Average:	17.0	(± 4.4)	

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Among never smokers less than 30 years old:

Do you think that you will smoke a cigarette anytime during the next year? n = 6

Definitely yes	*	*
Probably yes	*	*
Probably no	*	*
Definitely no	*	*

Among never smokers less than 30 years old:

If you or your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it? n = 6

Definitely yes	*	*
Probably yes	*	*
Probably no	*	*
Definitely no	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

About how much do you usually spend on tobacco products every week? n = 48

Less than \$25	*	*
At least \$25 but less than \$55	*	*
More than \$55	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

In the past month, did you buy tobacco on a Native American reservation? n = 49

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

In the past month, did you buy tobacco from the Internet? n = 49

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

During the past month, did you buy tobacco outside the state to save money - not just because you were traveling? n = 49

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current/former tobacco users:

People close to me are/were upset by my using tobacco. n = 94

Strongly agree	36.1%	(± 11.7%)
Somewhat agree	24.1	(± 11.0)
Somewhat disagree	15.9	(± 8.5)
Strongly disagree	23.8	(± 9.6)

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Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a DOCTOR or other healthcare provider advised you to quit, if ever? n = 98

Within the past year (1-12 months)	23.5%	(± 9.5%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	10.8	(± 8.9)
3 or more years ago	15.4	(± 8.5)
They never advised me to quit	50.3	(± 11.8)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a DENTIST advised you to quit, if ever? n = 96

Within the past year (1-12 months)	6.1%	(± 6.0%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	5.8	(± 5.3)
3 or more years ago	12.2	(± 10.3)
They never advised me to quit	75.9	(± 11.6)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a PHARMACIST advised you to quit, if ever? n = 98

Within the past year (1-12 months)	0.0%	(± 0.0%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	0.9	(± 1.7)
3 or more years ago	3.0	(± 5.8)
They never advised me to quit	96.1	(± 6.0)

Among those advised to quit:

Did the health care professional who advised to quit offer any help, or refer you to a source of help to quit tobacco use? n = 51

Yes	40.0%	(± 17.0%)
No	60.0	(± 17.0)

What type of health coverage do you use to pay for most of your medical care? Is it coverage through. . . n = 173

Your employer	41.5%	(± 8.7%)
Someone else's employer	21.3	(± 7.3)
A plan that you or someone buys on your own	9.0	(± 4.2)
Medicare	22.8	(± 7.3)
Medicaid or Medical Assistance	2.7	(± 2.1)
The military, CHAMPUS, or the VA	2.8	(± 2.5)
The Indian Health Service	0.0	(± 0.0)
Some other source	0.0	(± 0.0)

Among current and recent former smokers:

Within the past year, have you heard about any programs in your community to help you quit using tobacco, such as classes, support groups or counseling services? n = 40

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

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Among current and recent former smokers:

Within the past year, did your employer offer any stop-smoking class or other programs to help employees quit using tobacco? n = 19

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers with health care coverage:

Does your health care insurance coverage pay for the cost of any help to quit using tobacco, such as a stop-smoking program or nicotine patches, pills or other medications? n = 31

Yes	*	*
No	*	*
Don't know/Not sure	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers:

Have you heard about the Washington State "Quit-Line" - a telephone support service to help people quit using tobacco? n = 40

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers who have heard of the "Quit-Line":

Would you ever call a telephone support service for help in quitting tobacco? n = 38

Definitely Yes	*	*
Probably Yes	*	*
Probably No	*	*
Definitely No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers who have heard of the "Quit-Line":

Have you called the Quit line? n = 16

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

Would you like to quit using tobacco? n = 46

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users who would like to quit:

Are you seriously considering quitting tobacco use within the next 6 months? n = 28

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users considering quitting within 6 months:

Are you planning to stop within the next 30 days? n = 31

Yes	*	*
No	*	*
Don't know/Not sure	*	*

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Are you currently registered to vote?		n = 200
Yes	82.4%	(± 6.3%)
No	17.6	(± 6.3)

Which of the following statements best describes the rules about smoking in your home. . .		n = 197
No one is allowed to smoke anywhere inside your home	84.6%	(± 6.4%)
Smoking is allowed at some places or at some times	7.1	(± 5.0)
Smoking is permitted anywhere inside your home	8.2	(± 4.6)

How many people, including you, who live in your household currently smoke cigarettes, cigars, or pipes?		n = 198
No current smokers in household	69.6%	(± 7.9%)
1	18.6	(± 6.3)
2	7.5	(± 4.1)
3 or more	4.3	(± 5.0)

On how many of the past 30 days has someone, including you, smoked cigarettes, cigars, or pipes anywhere inside your home?		n = 199
None	85.7%	(± 6.3%)
Less than 30	2.1	(± 1.9)
30 days	12.2	(± 6.1)

If it were just up to you, would you let people smoke inside your home?		n = 200
Yes	12.2%	(± 5.4%)
No	87.8	(± 5.4)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

When you are at work, do you spend most of your time in an. . .		n = 107
Office	35.1%	(± 10.1%)
Store	4.3	(± 3.9)
Restaurant or Bar	6.8	(± 6.0)
Warehouse or factory	7.1	(± 5.2)
Home/Someone elses home	8.0	(± 5.2)
Outdoors	29.4	(± 10.6)
Car or truck	0.9	(± 1.8)
Classroom	3.1	(± 3.7)
Hospital	4.9	(± 4.4)
Somewhere else	0.5	(± 1.1)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Some or all indoor work areas?		n = 98
Yes	10.7%	(± 7.2%)
No	89.3	(± 7.2)

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Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Employee lunchrooms or lounges? n = 90

Yes	4.6%	(± 5.4%)
No	95.4	(± 5.4)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . A different designated indoor smoking area? n = 91

Yes	7.9%	(± 6.0%)
No	92.1	(± 6.0)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

In a typical week, how many hours would you say that you are in a room or car with secondhand smoke while you are at work? n = 106

None	86.4%	(± 7.7%)
Less than one hour	5.4	(± 5.1)
One hour or more	8.3	(± 6.2)

In general, would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . .

n = 196

Not at all annoying to you	9.4%	(± 5.3%)
A little bit annoying	12.2	(± 5.0)
Somewhat annoying	22.6	(± 6.9)
Very annoying to you	55.8	(± 8.1)

Would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . .

n = 191

Not at all harmful	1.2%	(± 1.3%)
A little bit harmful	6.2	(± 3.5)
Somewhat harmful	27.6	(± 7.7)
Very harmful	65.0	(± 8.0)

All children should be protected from secondhand smoke.

n = 194

Strongly agree	79.9%	(± 6.7%)
Somewhat agree	15.5	(± 6.3)
Somewhat disagree	2.8	(± 2.4)
Strongly disagree	1.8	(± 2.0)

Do you think that smoking should not be allowed at all in restaurants?

n = 198

Yes	77.7%	(± 7.5%)
No	16.5	(± 6.3)
Don't know/Not sure	5.8	(± 5.2)

Do you think that smoking should not be allowed in bars and lounges?

n = 197

Yes	34.0%	(± 7.5%)
No	48.5	(± 8.2)
Don't know/Not sure	17.5	(± 6.4)

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Do you think that smoking should not be allowed in outdoor public areas where children may be present?		n = 199
Yes	49.4%	(± 8.1%)
No	44.1	(± 8.0)
Don't know/Not sure	6.6	(± 3.8)

Local law enforcement officials should place a high priority on enforcing laws that ban the possession of tobacco products by minors.		n = 194
Strongly agree	54.2%	(± 8.2%)
Somewhat agree	22.6	(± 6.8)
Somewhat disagree	12.3	(± 5.2)
Strongly disagree	11.0	(± 5.4)

The city or town where you live should establish as many strong rules and laws as possible to protect nonsmokers, including children, from secondhand smoke.		n = 195
Strongly agree	48.0%	(± 8.1%)
Somewhat agree	26.6	(± 7.3)
Somewhat disagree	14.8	(± 5.9)
Strongly disagree	10.5	(± 4.8)

School officials should make sure that all children receive anti-tobacco education.		n = 198
Strongly agree	84.7%	(± 5.5%)
Somewhat agree	11.4	(± 4.8)
Somewhat disagree	2.1	(± 2.2)
Strongly disagree	1.8	(± 1.9)

Tobacco use by adults should not be allowed on school grounds or at any school events.		n = 198
Strongly agree	80.9%	(± 6.8%)
Somewhat agree	10.8	(± 4.8)
Somewhat disagree	6.6	(± 5.0)
Strongly disagree	1.7	(± 2.0)

Have you seen or heard about any efforts or activities in your community or in schools to prevent or reduce tobacco use among youth?		n = 188
Yes	55.9%	(± 8.1%)
No	44.1	(± 8.1)

There are so many things that cause cancer, tobacco use is not going to make any difference.		n = 191
Strongly agree	6.3%	(± 3.8%)
Somewhat agree	9.5	(± 5.5)
Somewhat disagree	7.2	(± 3.7)
Strongly disagree	77.0	(± 7.0)

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Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company logo or picture on it?		n = 197	
Yes	13.1%	(± 5.8%)	
No	86.9	(± 5.8)	

Do you currently have a piece of clothing, or other item that has a tobacco brand or logo on it?		n = 199	
Yes	9.6%	(± 5.3%)	
No	90.4	(± 5.3)	

During the past year, have you received a free sample or coupon for a free sample of cigarettes or other tobacco products?		n = 198	
Yes	20.8%	(± 7.0%)	
No	79.2	(± 7.0)	

During the past year have you been somewhere, such as concert or special event, where tobacco companies were having a promotion - for example, giving away free samples or having a special give-away?		n = 199	
Yes	7.8%	(± 5.2%)	
No	92.2	(± 5.2)	

Tobacco companies should have the same rights to advertise their products as other companies.		n = 190	
Strongly agree	18.5%	(± 6.6%)	
Somewhat agree	33.8	(± 7.8)	
Somewhat disagree	11.7	(± 5.0)	
Strongly disagree	36.0	(± 8.0)	

<i>Among people with children ages 12 to 17:</i>			
Have you told your child specifically that you do not want him or her to use tobacco?		n = 39	
Yes	*	*	
No	*	*	

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